

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2021

The Honorable Robin Vos
President
National Conference of State Legislatures
444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 515
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President Vos:

We write today to inquire into the status of voter identification requirements in the states, including any proposals pending in state legislatures to impose such a requirement. Since the Committee on Oversight and Reform has legislative jurisdiction over the “Relationship of the federal government to the States and municipalities generally,” and the Committee on House Administration oversees federal elections, Republicans on both Committees request additional information about the status of identification laws and any reviews being conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

There is increasing bipartisan support for requirements to show a photo identification before being permitted to cast a ballot. In fact, 80 percent of Americans surveyed in a recent poll support requiring voters to show a photo identification before casting a ballot, while only 18 percent oppose.¹ Even Democrats who once opposed such measures are now signaling support, including former President Barack Obama and voter rights advocate Stacey Abrams.²

Requiring a voter to show identification before casting a ballot is a commonsense measure to increase the integrity of the election’s process and bolster voter confidence in our nation’s elections. These requirements reduce public perceptions of fraud and ensure we continue to uphold “one person, one vote.”

To assist Republicans in exploring this issue, as well as understanding the status of the existing legal landscape or proposed legislation in the states, please provide to both Committees the following information as soon as possible, but no later than August 13, 2021:

1. A state-by-state summary of whether each state currently incorporates a voter identification requirement into the voting laws of that state;

¹ *Public Supports Both Early Voting and Requiring Photo ID to Vote*, Monmouth University Polling Institute (Jun. 21, 2021), available at https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/reports/monmouthpoll_us_062121/.

² Wootson, Cleve R. & Mike DeBonis, *Democrats signal a shift toward accepting voter ID laws*, WASH. POST (Jun. 22, 2021), available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/democrats-voter-id/2021/06/22/0cd24d54-d36e-11eb-ae54-515e2f63d37d_story.html.

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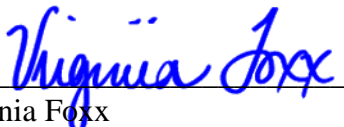
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2. A brief description of all legislative proposals pending in the states related to voter identification requirements, as well as the status of each legislative proposal;
3. Any recommendations or model legislation NCSL has provided to state legislatures regarding voter identification requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this important request. To make arrangements for document delivery, or to ask any related follow up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican Staff at (202) 225- 5074 and Committee on House Administration Republican Staff at (202) 225-8281. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your cooperation with this inquiry.

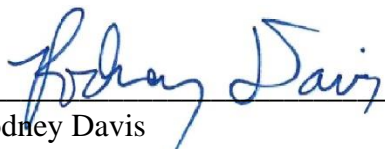
Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx
Member of Congress



James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight and Reform
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Chairwoman, Committee on House Administration